

2. Tea. Among the twelve tea-producing provinces which contribute about 95 per cent of the tea for both local consumption and foreign export are Hunan, Kiangsi, and Hupeh in the Central-South Region. The average annual pre-war production in Hunan, the leading tea producer of the Central-South, was about 1,600,000 shih-piculs (or 80,000 tons). Although the largest area devoted to tea cultivation is in the Hsiang River Valley, the regions around Tungting Lake produce the largest quantity. There are about twenty tea districts along the Hsiang River, with a total plantation area of 386,000 shih-mou (64,333 acres) and a yearly output of 145,000 shih-piculs. The producing districts around Tungting Lake are only two, but the annual output amounts to 168,000 shih-piculs.²⁴ In the Li and Yuan valleys both the area under cultivation and the annual amount produced are small. The district of Anhua, in the Tzu Valley, though of great renown for its tea, produces only 182,000 shih-piculs (19,010 tons) each year and the area of plantation is no more than 238,000 shih-mou. (39,667 acres).²⁵

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3. Tobacco. Tobacco is produced in 18 provinces of China including the six provinces

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24. Bureau of Foreign Trade, Chinese Economic Journal and Bulletin, Vol. XVIII, No. 2, Shanghai, Feb. 1936, pp. 182-83.

25. Ibid., p. 183.

1:Stanford U. S-4, 5 1956 AF14 Central China AF14

of the Central-South Region. Recent statistics giving the total area of tobacco fields and the amount of output in each of these provinces is not available. According to an earlier estimate of 1933, the acreage and output of tobacco in Central-South China were as shown in Table 13.

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Table 13. TOBACCO PRODUCTION*

Province	Shih-mou	Acres	Shih-piculs	Tons
Honan	512,340	85,390	1,119,811	61,590
Kwangtung			396,000	21,780
- 676 Kwangsi			111,900	6,154
• Kiangsi	243,893	40,649	266,374	14,650
Hunan	45,370	7,561	60,641	3,335
Hupeh			300,000	16,500
Total	801,603	133,600	2,254,726	124,010

* Bureau of Foreign Trade, Chinese Economic Journal and Bulletin, Vol. XVIII, No. 2, Shanghai, February 1936, pp. 182-83.

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